Phila July 26. 1888.

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Phila Pa

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Those are my reasons for asking you to continue my pay at the same rate as my predecessors, hoping you will give this your consideration

I am Yours Respectfully
John W. Cormick

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